A BLOVDY

BATTEL.

Fought between a thousand Scotch Volluntiers, and the Cavaliers in the County of CVMBERLAND. on Munday the last of *October*, 1642.

Declaring how they kild nere about foure hundred men, and put the rest to flight.

Also a true relation of the taking of the Towne of READING, In

BARKE-SHIRE;

By Prince

ROBERT

On Wednesday at night last, at twelve of the Clocke

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Exceeding ioyfull and happy Newes from REDDING in BERKSHIRE.

Being a true and perfect relation of of a great battaile, fought by the Knights and Gentlemen of the said County, with Prince ROBERT.

THe Kings Majesty having received intelligence, and information that the Earle of *Essex* was resolved to stop the passage of his Majesties Army, from com-

comming toward READING, in the County of BERKESHIRE, his Majesty forthwith gave Command to his Nephew Prince ROBERT, to draw out what number he thought meet, and fitting, and to advance toward the said Towne of READING in BARKESHIRE, it being a place of great strength and consequence, and in taking of that, his Majesty was informed that it would be a great advantage to his Army, and a farre greater disadvantage to the Parliaments Forces, by reason that the riches of the Towne would supply their owne present necessities, and also disable them to give assistance to the Parliament, either by Loane of Money, or by raising of men to joyne with the Earle of *Essex*, in this great and necessary worke of reformation, for these particular causes there was this command given.

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Whereupon Prince *Robert* having understood the Kings Majesties will and pleasure, he forthwith drew out his Troopes of horse and three regiments of foote together with Eleven pieces of ordnance and advanced towards the said place with a blody resolution to Plunder and pillage all those that stood well affected to the cause, but our great *Jehova* who knoweth the minds and hearts of all people gave the Knights, Gentry and Communallty, of the said County of *Barkeshire* such courage and vndanted spirits, and having intelligence of his comming, they forthwith sent warrants to the adioyning Counties for to aid and assist them in this there happy enterprise which they were now ready to put in execution against Prince *Robert*, whereupon the inhabitants of the adioyning Counties having receaved this newes from their neibours of *Barkeshire*

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immediatly raised a great number of men amounting to one thousand and lead them into *Barkeshire* to ioyne with the rest of the forces that were raised, being in all about too thousand foote, and three hundred horse, all which were commited to the custody and charge of Collonell *Dalton* a noble and vadanted souldier, and upon the twenty nine of October th-yadvanced towards prince *Robert* with a valiant relolution to fight it out to the last man, but being come within five miles of READING, Prince ROBERT and the Lord DIGBY having information of their comming, immediatly marched towards them leaving a strong guard at READING for to secure that place, and upon the thirtith of *October*, Captaine LAYTON with all his valiant followers met the said Prince ROBERT and the Lord DIGBY, who after foure

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Parley together, concluded to have a Bataile, and about one of the clocke in the afternoon they began to charge each other, shooting with much violence for the space of five houres, till it began to be somewhat darke, till at last Collonell LAVGTON, Generall of the HARTFORD-SHIRE Voluntiers, drew out 900. Foot and a hundred Horse, and assaulted the Emy on the Reare and left Flanke, doeing great execution, and killing 200. Cavaliers at the first onset.

Then the Lord DIGBY drew out seven or eight Troopes of their Forces, with intention to assault Collonell LAVGHTON in the right wing.

But by the great wisdome of the said Collonell, he was Prevented, and all his hopes and intended stratagems brought to confusion, and utterly ruined and made frustrate, for there was five hundred Volluntiers

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that came out of HARTFORD-SHIRE, which lay in a great Valley, and charged him as he was drawing out his men, which did so daunt the Cavaliers, that they soon retreated and would not obey the command of their Generall Prince ROBERT; There was slaine in this great fight, which lasted for the space of nine houres, about foure hundred Cavaliers, and of our side three hundred, thus hath God given us a second Victory over our Enemies.

It is credibly reported, that there hath been a great Battaile neer *Barwicke*, by a thousand Scots, against the Cavaliers and those parts, and that the Scots have slaine many of them with little or no losse.

This day a report was brought to the Towne that READING is taken by the Cavaliers.

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